

REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-80, the status of which is as follows:

- (a) Claims 11, 13, 27-34, and 36 were previously amended to remove multiple dependencies and to place the claims in better form for U.S. practice.
- (b) Claims 1, 6-9, and 25-26 have been currently amended.
- (c) Claims 2-5, 10, 12, 14-16, 35, and 37-48 are as originally filed.
- (d) Claims 65-80 are new.
- (e) Claims 17-24 and 49-64 were previously canceled without prejudice.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 1 and 6-9 have been amended to recite "placed" instead of "implanted." This amendment is supported in numerous places throughout the specification as filed, including: "According to some embodiments of the present invention, a method and apparatus are provided to facilitate *placement* of at least one electrode adjacent to the SPG via a transpalatine approach to the SPG" (p. 7, lines 21-23; emphasis added).

Claims 25 and 26 have been amended to remove the references to "implanting" in the preambles thereof.

Dependent claims 65-80 are new. Claim 65 depends from claim 1, and recites "implanted," which was recited in claim 1 as originally filed. Claim 66 is supported in the specification as filed by at least the following:

There is also provided, in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, a method for implanting a treatment stimulation device in a vicinity of a site of a subject, including:

passing the device through a greater palatine foramen of the subject; and
bringing the device into contact with the vicinity of the site, the site selected from the list consisting of: a sphenopalatine ganglion (SPG) of the subject and a neural tract originating in or leading to the SPG (p. 11, lines 14-20).

Claim 67 is supported in the specification as filed by at least the following:

There is also provided, in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, a method for implanting a treatment stimulation device in a vicinity of a site of a subject, including:

passing the device through at least a portion of a greater palatine canal of the subject; and

bringing the device into contact with the vicinity of the site, the site selected from the list consisting of: a sphenopalatine ganglion (SPG) of the subject and a neural tract originating in or leading to the SPG (p. 11, lines 21-28).

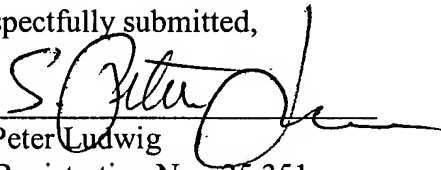
Claims 27-39 as filed were multiple dependent, directly or indirectly, from claims 25 or 26. These claims were amended by a previously-filed preliminary amendment to depend only from claim 25, directly or indirectly. New claims 68-80 provide claims parallel to claims 27-39 that dependent from claim 26, directly or indirectly.

In view of the above amendment, applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a prompt and favorable Official Action.

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